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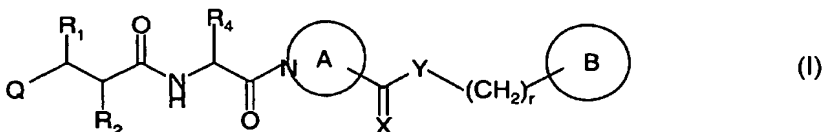
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(57) Abstract: Compounds of formula (II) have antibacterial activity: wherein: Q represents a radical of formula -N(OH)CH(=O) or formula -C(=O)NH(OH); R¹ represents hydrogen, methyl or trifluoromethyl or, except when Q is a radical of formula -N(OH)CH(=O), a hydroxy, halo or amino group; R₂ represents a group R₁₀-(D)_n-(ALK)_m wherein R₁₀ represents hydrogen or an optionally substituted C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, C₂-C₆ alkynyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, or heterocyclyl group and ALK represents a straight or branched divalent C₁-C₆ alkylene, C₂-C₆ alkynylene, or C₂-C₆ alkynylene radical, and may be interrupted by one or more non-adjacent -NH-, -O- or -S- linkages, D represents -NH-, -O- or -S-, and m and n are independently 0 or 1; R₄ represents the side chain of a natural or non-natural alpha amino acid; ring A represents an optionally substituted monocyclic heterocyclic ring containing from 5 to 7 ring atoms, one of which is the nitrogen atom shown, the remaining ring atoms being selected from compatible combinations of carbon, oxygen, sulfur and nitrogen; X is oxygen or sulfur; Y is oxygen, sulfur or -NH-; R is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and ring B represents an optionally substituted carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring system.